

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Restriction Requirement/Election of Species mailed April 5, 2007.

I. Summary of Restriction/Election:

Prior to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 5, 2007, Claims 1-65 were pending in the Application. In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner directed the claims to the following groups of distinct species:

- FIGS. 1-7 relating to claims 1-8, 10-13, 15, 17, 25-26, 29, 42-51, 63-65;
- FIGS. 8-9 relating to claims 16, 20, 25, 52-57;
- FIGS. 10-14 relating to claims 18, 19, 21-24, 28, 30-34, 36-41, 62;
- FIGS. 15-16 relating to claims 9, 14, 26, 58-60; and
- FIGS. 17-18 relating to claims 35, 61.

II. Summary of Applicant's Amendments

The present Response cancels without prejudice Claims 9-10, 14, 16, 20, 22-24, 27-28, 30-35, 38-39, and 52-61 leaving for the Examiner's present consideration Claims 1-8, 11-13, 15, 17-19, 21, 25-26, 29, 36-37, 40-51, and 62-65. Reconsideration of the Application as amended is respectfully requested.

III. Election of Invention

Applicant hereby elects species relating to FIGS. 1-7, Claims 1-8, 11-13, 15, 17-19, 21, 25-26, 29, 36-37, 40-51, and 62-65 for present consideration. Claims 9-10, 14, 16, 20, 22-24, 27-28, 30-35, 38-39, and 52-61 are withdrawn from present consideration at this time, and have been canceled. Applicant reserves the right to reinstate and/or to prosecute any withdrawn or canceled claims in a currently pending or future application.

IV. Conclusion

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and consideration thereof is respectfully requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned should he have any inquires.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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